

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 27-36 are pending in this application. Claims 27-32 and 34-36 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

**Double Patenting**

Claims 27-28 and 31-36 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over at least claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 17-19 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,576.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 27-32 and 34-36 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants submit copies of the documents that the Examiner was unable to locate as listed on the PTO-1449 forms previously submitted. Consideration of the documents is respectfully requested.

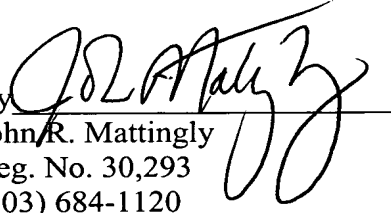
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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